

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action of July 2, 2004, indicated that Claim 3, as well as Claims 7-10, 17-41 and 44-54, would be allowed if written in independent form. Claim 3 claimed a projection extending from the neck of the form, i.e., it is in addition to or other than a body part or structural component of the form. With this in mind, Applicant has herein amended Claim 1 to change the recitation of a projection to be a peg projecting from the humanlike form. This more specifically defines the invention in terms of pegs that project for suspending articles of clothing, which distinguishes over the prior art, particularly Duncan U.S. Patent No. 5,480,074, which has components, such as arms, that could be considered projections on which clothing could be suspended. In this regard, it is noted that Claims 8 and 25, which are specific to pegs, were also indicated in the Office Action as being allowable, subject to being written in independent form.

All of the other pending claims depend from Claim 1 and, therefore, are also specific to pegs, rather than projections. In these dependent claims, the terms "projection" and "projections" have been amended to read "peg" or "pegs." The terms "peg" and "pegs" are meant to be any projecting components in addition to or other than body parts or structural components of the humanlike form and on which clothing articles can be suspended, as, for example, on clothes hangers.

Thus, all of the claims, including those rejected and those that have been indicated to contain allowable subject matter, have been amended to recite distinguishable subject matter.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the claims as presently amended define invention over the prior art, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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